


Remarks

Claims 1-27, 29, 31-43 and 45-50 are pending in the application. From among these claims, claims 48-50 were allowed outright and claims 32-35 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 38-42, 46 and 47 are cancelled without prejudice. Additionally, claims 32 through 35 are rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their respective base claims. Finally, claims 2-9, 12, 20-27, 29, 31-34, 36, 37, 43 and 45 are amended to make them dependent upon allowed claim 49. Accordingly, the remaining claims in the case, 2-27, 29, 31-37, 43, 45 and 48-50 are in allowable form, consistent with the May 3, 2007 Office Action.

Therefore, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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